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EDITORIAL

THE twilight of the year has come, December with its short days and its long nights, and 1908 will soon have passed from our calendar. The closing hours of any event must sometimes bring retrospective thoughts even if retrospection is not a habit of mind often cultivated by the average man of to-day who is generally in too big a hurry or in too crowded quarters to have time to look back and to think: forward and onward are his watchwords, hurry and noise his attendants. However, may we not suggest a thought for the end of the year: Let us take for ourselves a period of silence when the year's successes and failures, its joys and sorrows, its friendships and animosities may all be reviewed for the guidance of the coming year. And in this silence may we not take heed of those golden silences which some one has so aptly put thus: "the silence of Knowledge which does not speak because it knows, and there is no more to be said; the silence of Ignorance which does not speak because it does *not* know and has no right to speak; the silence of Forgiveness which puts away the offense forever; the silence of Patience and Endurance which possesses its soul until the truth prevails and fate is conquered, and finally the silence of *Peace* which covers all things. Life may thus be weighed in the scales of these silences and the Christmas tide be a season of real development of character, for in these silences we will hear the first Christmas carol ever sung, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

THE Atlanta Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, as it fades into the past, leaves a memory of honest and sincere endeavor to do the best for the cause espoused, of a womanhood aroused to patriotism with no thought of selfish, personal aggrandizement. Well may Frank Stanton say of the U. D. C. in their Atlanta meeting:—

"They garland the lists of glory—Then wreath with love the sod." * * *

"Lives the South in the love of her woman at last."

THE EFFORT BEING MADE by the Sons of Confederate Veterans in South Carolina to perpetuate their organization and enlarge its membership should be encouraged by all other Confederate organizations. All male lineal descendants of men who were regularly enrolled in the Confederate States Army or Navy and who were killed, died in service, were honorably discharged, or served to the end of the war, are eligible to membership in this patriotic society: The Daughters of the Confederacy can do splendid work by encouraging and urging membership in this organization either through the central camp or local camps already in existence. This younger association must in time take the place of the camps of the Confederate Veterans, and Confederate history and patriotism should be perpetuated by the young men of the South as well as by its women. All interested in this subject should correspond with George B. Timmerman, Division Commander, Lexington, S. C.

THE English scholarship, good for two years and amounting to three thousand dollars, offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and open to applicants from every State where that State's federation of women's clubs has contributed \$100 to the fund, will be awarded October 1st, 1909. (See Miss Gill's letter, this KEYSTONE, page 7.) South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas have already pledged their \$100, and should see to it that their applicants are duly qualified. The stand that Southern men have taken in first honors on the lists of the Rhodes scholars should stimulate their sisters to make every effort to secure this highest scholastic prize offered to women in America.

A TRAVELLING Library Commission for South Carolina is one of the pledged co-operative works of the club women of that State for this year. These women are in earnest about this work and know that this is the most practical way to continue and enlarge the usefulness of the travelling library system. The plan is practical; the club women have nearly five thousand books to turn over to the Commission and the Federation promises to continue the work of collecting the books if the State Commission will store, case, repair and move them about for use.

The General Federation's library committee reported at the Boston Biennial that twenty-seven States already have State travelling library commissions and sixteen are working for them. Will not the club women of South Carolina put their case so clearly and earnestly before their respective representatives that at the coming meeting of the Legislature South Carolina may lead the list of the sixteen struggling for better library advantages and join the roll of honor as number *twenty-eight* with a Travelling Library Commission? An appeal for support in this endeavor appears in this issue of THE KEYSTONE, page 4; a marked copy of this appeal is sent to each club president. Let each club do its duty and South Carolina will have a Travelling Library Commission.

AND MAY I take this opportunity of telling you how much I appreciate THE KEYSTONE? I count it one of the best club magazines that come to my desk. It seems to me it is an ideal medium of keeping in touch with the several organizations of which it is the official organ. Having lived in the South a number of years I feel that I can appreciate it from more than one standpoint. It may interest you to know that I have been passing on the copy that comes to me. As you know, there are scattering chapters of U. D. C. through this part of the country, and many, many Southern women interested in all that is going on "at home." In my work with women I frequently come in contact with them and I have been mailing THE KEYSTONE to chapters that do not get it or to some woman whom I know will appreciate it. I frequently send copies to the Omaha Chapter U. D. C. It is new and small. One of the members told me recently that they got so many good things from THE KEYSTONE that she hoped the chapter would subscribe this fall. Several copies last year I sent to a little Mississippi woman who lives on one of the irrigated farms in Western Nebraska and who has little in her life but memories and her children. I intended to send you the card she wrote acknowledging the receipt of the paper. It said "God bless you for sending me that little paper. It was like a message from home and I have read it over and over and through and through and have it tucked away in my bureau drawer where I can read it through and through again."

Omaha, Neb.

FRANCES E. STANDISH McCRAW,
 Editor Woman's Dept. *Omaha Bee*.

THE "KEYSTONE" is received, and I am *delighted* to have it near me on my desk, where I can refer to it for club and Daughters of the Confederacy news. This number is especially interesting.

KATIE DAFFIN,
 Pres. Texas U. D. C.

October 5, 1908.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. E. F. Bell, Blacksburg, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W., Manager.

President—Mrs. W. B. Burney, Columbia, S. C.
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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. F. Bell, Blacksburg, S. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mitchell Levi, Sumter, S. C.
(70 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

THE Department of Education wishes to report what progress it has made during the past months and what it hopes to do during the winter. It has received in cash for the English scholarship fund \$43.70, but we still need \$56.30 to make the \$100 that is required from each State that has a competitor for the scholarship. Will not the clubs make an effort and raise the rest of this money, as we are notified by the chairman of the Educational Committee of the General Federation to send our quota to her by January 1st? Let me ask you to help us in any way you can.

The clubs that have not contributed are as follows:

Anderson, Runnymede Club; Beaufort, Clover Club; Bennettsville, Musical Club, Civic League; Blacksburg, Maids and Matrons; Charleston, Kelly Kindergarten Association; Chester, Up-to-Date Club, Sin Nombre Club; Columbia, New Century Club; Darlington, Old Homestead Club; Edgefield, Library Association, Literary Club; Gaffney, Woman's Club; Greenville, Thursday Club, Thursday Afternoon Club, Alumnae Association Greenville Female College, Rotary Book Club, Music Club, Civic Association; Greenwood, Kindergarten Association, Winthrop Daughters; Lancaster, Cranford Book Club; Laurens, Wednesday Club; Newberry, Bachelor Maids, Fortnightly Club, Library Association; Orangeburg, Mendelssohn Choral Club, Carolinian Club; Pickens, Civic Association; Prosperity, Literary Sorosis; Rock Hill, Castalian Literary Club, Amelia Pride Book Club, Child Study Club, Euphonia Club; Seneca, Once-a-Week Club; Spartanburg, Kennedy Library Association, Over the Teacups; Sumter, Cultus Club; Summerville, Timrod Circle, Civic League; Trenton, Entre Nous; Union, Standard Club; Wellford, Blue Flower Club; Walhalla, Paul Hayne Circle. The list of clubs who contributed before the Greenville Convention was published in the April, 1908, KEYSTONE.

The Department asks the clubs to join them in trying to obtain the passage of a bill for compulsory education. We will get out in a few days a circular address which will be sent to all the clubs to be signed by their members, and this circular will be laid on the desks of the legislators at the opening of the next session.

There were four vacant scholarships this year and these have all been filled.

THEODOSIA DARGAN,

Chairman Dept. Education.

[Read Miss Gill's letter in regard to the English Scholarship in this issue of THE KEYSTONE, page 7.]

THE CONVENTION at Greenville instructed the Library Department of the State Federation to try again for the Library Commission. Last year the cause was very much hurt by the opposition of a few of the clubs and the inactivity of others. We think it was owing to the fact that they were not entirely familiar with the bill, and therefore were not in sympathy with the movement. Now that they fully realize the Federation cannot do justice to this work, as it has outgrown its method and means of handling, and that

the Commission is the best plan thought of—are they ready and willing to push the bill? The Federation will still have a part in the noble work through its members on the Commission. Before proceeding with the plans we must have the co-operation of every club, and shall ask each club president to appoint a committee to interview their respective representatives and send the names of representatives to the library chairman, and state whether they promise to advocate the bill or not?

It will be a waste of time, energy and money to go on with this bill unless there is a concert of action on the part of the clubs. A marked copy of the official organ, THE KEYSTONE, will be sent to each club president, and they are requested to give this matter their immediate attention, as the time is short, and notify the chairman of the Library Department.

MRS. L. T. NICHOLS.

Chester, S. C.

THE PALMETTO CLUB, Chester, at its opening meeting had a very interesting paper read on "Object of our Club and its outlook for the coming year," by Mrs. J. W. Reed. Besides making some witty remarks about the various members, she stated that the subject for the year includes famous poets, Greek and Norse mythology and several master plays, and made a strong plea for the twenty-three members to keep active in their club life.

I SUPPOSE you have heard that we have organized a Domestic Science Club. The first meeting was held at my house and we are expecting great things of our new club. Mrs. L. T. Nichols is our president, so we have a right to expect much.

MRS. J. S. BOOTH, Chester.

MUSIC LOVERS in South Carolina are reminded that season reservations for the splendid series of Charleston-Smith concerts will open on December 7th, and close December 31st. These subscription concerts will be given at the Academy of Music, Charleston, S. C., as follows: Mme Jomelli, January 13th; Bispham-de Moss, February 13th; Flonzaley Quartet, March 9th; Katherine Goodson, April 20th. For special information address George Hoyt Smith, P. O. Box 385, Charleston, S. C.

The American Boy—Baseball has given way to football and this winter game is finely illustrated by the picture (in colors) of the boys on the gridiron which decorates the November American Boy front cover. By the way, this issue begins the tenth year of that most popular of boys' magazines. The contents will be found to contain just the stories and articles which boys delight to read. The various departments will appeal to all boys with hobbies. 76 illustrations. \$1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

For the Christmas Woman's Home Companion, Edwin Markham has written a most beautiful poem, "Before the Gospels Were." It tells the story of the gathering of the materials for the Gospels by the disciples after Christ's ascension. "Before the Gospels Were" is greater than "The Man With the Hoe." It is, perhaps, the greatest poem of the generation.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Frair's Point.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. M. Fugler, McComb City.
(36 Clubs.)

TWO new clubs, The Magnolia Music Club, of which Mrs. Pendarvis is president, and the Civic League of Gloster, with Mrs. Mitchell as secretary, are the new additions to the Federation. We welcome them most cordially. The Music Club has some fine talent. They are taking the course outlined by the National Association of Music Clubs.

MRS. H. M. WARDELL, of the Clarksdale Woman's Club, has been appointed chairman of the Department of Household Economics in place of Mrs. De Loach, who was forced to resign on account of illness in her family and other home affairs.

MRS. C. S. BUTTERFIELD, chairman of the Department of Civics and Forestry, gave a talk on tuberculosis before the Tri-County Teachers' Convention, in session in Summit, on November 14th.

MRS. DAVID Z. COHN, of the Educational Department, has returned home and will now take up her correspondence as rapidly as possible.

THE CHAMINADE CLUB of Jackson has a most attractive year book in white and gold. They, too, are taking the work of the National Association of Music Clubs. Mrs. L. Brame is their president for this year.

THE CRESCITE CLUB of McComb gave a most interesting program on civics and forestry in October. The meeting was held in the park and lunch was enjoyed.

THE EMBROIDERY CLUB of Magnolia recently gave an elaborate reception in honor of The Crescite Club at the handsome residence of Mrs. E. W. Reid. Fine musical numbers were given and a two-course lunch was served. About one hundred guests were in attendance.

TWO PREMIUMS were awarded by the Art Committee M. F. W. C. in the Art Dept. of the Miss. State Fair last week.

The premium for the best original design applied to any object—a subscription to *Keramic Studies*—was awarded to Miss Bettie McArthur, Madison, Miss., on an embroidered square. The motive of the design was boats and anchors. It was applied by Mrs. J. U. McKay of Jackson. The piece was both beautiful and unique.

The premium for best collection sent by a public school was awarded to Greenville public school, Miss Caroline Stern, instructor. This premium was a picture valued at \$5.00.

The showing made by the Greenville school does credit both to children and instructor. Eleven grades were represented and the work was varied and interesting.

It is most earnestly hoped that another year more schools will be able to enter work along this most important line of study.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., General Federation Secretary, Manager.

President—Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson, Wilmington, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. W. C. Hummel, Greensboro, N. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss C. A. Hunt, Lexington, N. C.
(38 Clubs—1,200 Members.)

THE Department of Education will continue the work previously outlined in these columns. Special stress will be laid upon two measures which it is hoped may be brought about at an early time, namely, the appointment of women upon school boards and compulsory education. To this end the Federation, looking toward the session of the State Legislature which is to convene during the coming winter, at its last meeting appointed a Legislative Committee to have in hand these and other needs along educational and philanthropic lines. This committee is composed of the following ladies: Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll (Raleigh), Mrs. Eugene Reilley (Charlotte), Mrs. R. R. Cotten (Bruce), Miss Adelaide Fries (Winston-Salem), Miss Gibson (Wilmington), Mrs. E. E. Moffitt (Raleigh), and Mrs. F. L. Stevens (Raleigh).

The Department will also keep in view the lines of work previously outlined looking toward an increase in the salaries of our women teachers, the lengthening of the school term in the rural schools, the establishment of rural agricultural high schools, and the formation of mothers' clubs, whose work will bring about a close union between home and school.

The Federation, through this Department, has been highly honored in having placed at its disposal a number of free scholarships for distribution to the worthy young men and women of the State. Four leading educational institutions of the State—the State University, the A. and M. College, Trinity College and Wake Forest College—have contributed eleven scholarships, and already four young men are taking advantage of the benefits. These scholarship gifts have been and will continue to be a prominent feature of our educational work, and will be conducted under the direction of a sub-committee of this department. This sub-committee, with the chairman of the department as chairman of the committee, is composed of the following: Miss Mary Petty (Greensboro), Mrs. R. W. Hicks (Wilmington), Mrs. W. R. Hollowell (Goldsboro), and Miss Mary Graham (Charlotte). The department seeks the co-operation of the federated clubs in its efforts to dispose wisely of these scholarship gifts, and club women are invited to write to members of the department or the Scholarship Committee for information or suggestions as to this work.

MRS. F. L. STEVENS, chairman,
MRS. E. F. REID,
MRS. C. L. STEVENS,
MRS. A. P. L. DULL,

Education Committee.

THE ANNUAL YEAR BOOK of the North Carolina Federation has been published for 1908-1909 and is now in the hands of the club women. It will be found a most interesting and valuable hand book, and the gratitude of all our club members is due Mrs. Hammel, the recording secretary,

for her efforts in producing it. It publishes the membership of the twelve standing committees and the special committees; also greetings from the president of the General Federation and the president of the State Federation; a report of the sixth annual State convention at Greensboro, and reports of the treasurer, auditor and department chairmen, besides the usual club directory and constitution and by-laws.

Copies of the year book may be obtained for ten cents each from the corresponding secretary.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT of the Ninth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs is in our hands. It is a collection of so many important reports and addresses, and contains such valuable matter along every line of club activity, that no club member should be without a copy. It will be found an inspiration by every club worker. Copies of the report may be had at twenty-five cents each from the General Federation State Secretary.

THE REVIEWERS' CLUB of Greensboro is this year studying "The Literature of the Bible," together with the history of famous hymns. So far the study has included the books of Ruth, Esther and Job. In connection with the last the club invited Professor Jackson, of the city graded schools, to give his lecture on "The Book of Job as a Drama," and asked the other study clubs of the city to share their enjoyment. The lecture was given in the Carnegie Library to a large and appreciative audience.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak, Manager.

President—Mrs. T. M. Shackelford, Tallahassee.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lilla Lewis, Tallahassee.
(28 Clubs—1,100 Members.)

THE 14th annual meeting of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs was held in the Court House at Live Oak, Fla., beginning Nov. 18th. Mrs. Shackelford, Tallahassee, 1st vice-president, acted as president in the absence of Mrs. Raynor, who was detained at home by sickness.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson delivered the invocation at the opening session. Mrs. Hopkins, president of Live Oak Club, most cordially welcomed the delegates. Mrs. Huber, Tampa, gave the response, and Mrs. Shackelford feelingly expressed the regret of the entire convention at the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Raynor, the president, and a telegram of sympathy was sent to her. The credential committee reported all officers present except the president and delegates from twenty-four of the twenty-eight clubs. Mrs. Kirk Monroe, chairman of *Bird Protection*, made an urgent plea for protection of mother birds, and asked for signatures promising not to wear the aigrette. Mrs. Munsell, chairman of *Educational and Industrial* committee, pleaded for continued work for free kindergartens. Mrs. Shackelford, chairman of *forestry*, presented an able paper on the vital subject, and later on Enos Mills, the U. S. forestry agent, gave a fascinating address full of practical hints and poetic inspiration.

Mrs. Huber, Tampa, made an eloquent report in behalf of the reform in *child labor*, and Mrs. Wamboldt, Fairfield, spoke about the benefits to be derived from reading and studying the papers in the *State Reciprocity Bureau*. The educational report led to much discussion and the following resolutions were passed by the convention: To urge legislative action to reform and amend a law limiting the choice of principals of high schools in Florida; to ask for trained teachers in primary work as principals in primary schools; to demand proper fire escapes in all two-story school houses; to continue kindergarten scholarships in state college for women; to ask for *one woman* on county school boards; to continue contributions to Audubon work.

An interesting account of the social side of the Boston Biennial was given by Mrs. Cay, Tallahassee, who was one of the delegates to this great meeting, and Mrs. Huber read the splendid report of the educational features of this great convention which Mrs. Raynor had prepared as State president. This report stressed Mr. Canfield's address on *libraries*, and Senator Beveridge's address on *child labor*. The convention was most fortunate in having Mrs. Florence Kelley, secretary of the National Consumers' League, as one of its speakers, and she appealed impressively to the *leisure class* of women to realize that they were so *because* of their sisters, the working women—and to have a care, and to exercise mercy in thought and act towards an oppressed circle. Further, she told of the superhuman work of one woman and a few men in securing a declaration from the Supreme Court of the United States. (See Justice Brewer's decision of February, 1908, as to the constitutionality of a bill regulating hours for woman's work.) Dr. Stevens, Jacksonville, charmed her audience by her vivid pictures and hopeful views resultant from a two years' close study of prevention and cure of tuberculosis.

Letters and telegrams were read from Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia, as well as good wishes and greetings from the absent president, Mrs. Raynor. The convention decided to meet next year in Palatka, and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. T. M. Shackelford, Tallahassee; *1st Vice-President*, Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami; *2d Vice-President*, Mrs. W. W. Cummer, Jacksonville; *Recording Secretary*, Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak; *Corresponding Secretary*, Miss Lilla Lewis, Tallahassee; *Treasurer*, Mrs. J. A. Crosby, San Mateo; *Auditor*, Mrs. K. Borson.

We must not forget in the midst of such strenuous mutual interest the hospitality and beautiful entertainment given to delegates by the booming town of Live Oak. Two very large receptions were enjoyed, one on Tuesday night in the generously offered Amory of the young soldiers, the other, a charming affair, with elegant refreshments, tendered by the progressive *Board of Trade*, where decorations and refreshments were all in the Federation colors—gold and green. These two glorious colors were also conspicuous in the decorations on business houses, hotels and in brilliant electric lights in festoons across the principal streets where a glistening "Welcome" gave cheer to visitors. Hospitality reigned, and no delegate could take three meals a day in the same home.

Never has a Federation convention been more royally entertained, and it took stern duty to keep at work when

Mr. Ensign "waited a special train" for a day's treat and dinner at "Dowling Park."

Our conclusion as regards the character of the convention is one of wonder and admiration at the strength of purpose, clearness of vision, breadth of sympathy and perfect harmony constantly shown by this able body of women. To one inexperienced in woman's work it is amazing to witness her progress in thought, self-forgetfulness, and power of expression. She has a purpose—the betterment of her race—and she presses on, overlooking difficulties in her pathway.

What pleased an onlooker was the interest shown in educational matters and the determination to break down narrow barriers, to open Florida to more enlightened systems, and to college men and women from *any State*, so that they bring in good tidings, with first rate degrees or diplomas.

LILLA LEWIS.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.
(10 Clubs—683 Members.)

THE Education and Industrial Education Committees are greatly encouraged by the results of their efforts in rural districts. Five educational rally days, or school fairs, have been held, and at each county seat enthusiasm has been aroused among school authorities, pupils and patrons. The school board of Amherst county, like that of Campbell, has pledged itself to raise seventy dollars to add to the prizes offered through the Virginia Federation. Through School Examiner Thomas, who thinks most highly of this undertaking, the school boards of Henry and Prince Edward counties have determined to begin the contests for industrial products. Miss Van Rensselaer, of Cornell University, who is making such successful efforts for the enrichment of the lives of women in rural districts, has asked to be allowed to adopt the contests arranged by these committees as being the best of their kind.

EDUCATION FAIRS have been recently held in Bedford City under the auspices of the Bedford Library Association, and in Amherst under the auspices of the Lynchburg Woman's Club. The second prize for bread, at the Amherst fair, was awarded a boy seventeen years old, who had not been able to attend school until this year, and who does so now by his own efforts.

The committees are arranging to continue and to expand their work. The Interstate Fair Association at Lynchburg has agreed to have a school day next fall and to offer thirty dollars in each of three neighboring counties to the school having the best exhibits of corn and of bread. A Lynchburg merchant volunteered a fifty-dollar wagon as a prize for the boys in these counties. On November 14, at a joint meeting of the committees with teachers from town and rural schools near Lynchburg, it was determined to arrange school leagues, the Education committees assisting. The most cordial relations exist between the Virginia

Federation and Mrs. Dashiell, who has organized hundreds of school leagues in the State.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE will this year be under the leadership of Miss Mabel H. Kennedy, Danville. Miss Kennedy has made the teaching of English her life study and, having prepared herself in both American and European universities for her work, will make an able leader for this committee.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB of Montvale has recently added eighty-five volumes to the public library and has organized a junior literary society.

MR. F. HOPKINSON SMITH will lecture before the Wednesday Afternoon Club, Danville, in December. Miss Jacobs, a fine speaker and teacher of home economics, of Washington, D. C., will address the Lynchburg Woman's Club November 28.

ELIZABETH GISH,

Cor. Sec'y Va. F. W. C.

AN ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP FOR AMERICAN GIRLS

MY DEAR MISS POPPENHEIM:

In a conference yesterday with Mrs. Stevens, of North Carolina, it was suggested that some further statement in regard to the English scholarship might wisely be published in THE KEYSTONE.

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The questions which the Southern women are asking me are in regard to the permanence of this scholarship plan. At present we have \$2,200 pledged and several States unreported, who have just held their State meetings. The donation is made once for all, with the expectation that any continuance of the plan will be made by private gift. The Federation only undertakes to raise one definite sum of \$3,000 in order to appoint one scholar for two years as a brilliant example of what the plan might mean to the country if it were extended and perpetuated.

The candidates should get, first of all, from the Secretary of the local State University the conditions of the Rhodes examination in October, 1909. Then, if they wish to compete, they should get the approval from the State Federation, and have their names duly submitted to me. I am authorized by the Rhodes Trust to nominate to them next fall any woman whom I wish to have examined. This examination they will give free of charge to us. The return will be received from Oxford about the first of January, 1910, whereupon our committee will compare the credentials in regard to health, personality and promise of distinction, and then make the final appointment to take effect in residence in England, in September, 1910. We are glad to have this leisurely appointment permitted to us because a great many of our candidates might not have the necessary knowledge of Greek which would help them to compete successfully, but since the so called "little-go" in Greek at Oxford is easily mastered in six weeks, by a scholar of general ability, we feel it is a matter easily conquered and well worth the standing it would give on the other side.

I think, my dear Miss Poppenheim, I have given in this letter the facts pretty nearly to date from which you could easily make a statement for THE KEYSTONE.

With cordial greeting to your mother and sister, I am

Very sincerely yours,

November 20, 1908.

LAURA-D. GILL.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyoming.

[The *Federation Bulletin*, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for December.

THE FINE PROGRAM of the Ohio Federation was a model, in that it was arranged with such clear consideration of time that each session found the work comfortably finished, discussions always in order, and the happiest spirit throughout the assembly. There seemed to be no noise in the house, no fatigue resulting in hurrying away before the sessions were over.

There is no thought of comparing one State with another, no "invidious distinctions." I take this simply as an example of excellent co-operation between the President and her Board, or Program Committee, or whatever may have been the power behind the throne; and I urge all States to make their programs more simple, with many spaces for taking breath. These spaces will be filled with the best thought, because it will not be hurried.

Perhaps Ohio has taken a warmer place in my heart because of the charming hospitality the city of Cincinnati is planning for the Tenth Biennial. The public-spirited generosity of its citizens will furnish halls "whose acoustic properties are unequalled," Talmage says, "on this or the other side of the great water." The clubs of Hamilton County are taking charge of arrangements, all of which are heartily indorsed by the State Federation. The central position offers equal facilities to the North and South and Middle West; while the loyalty of the far East and far West is already shown in their letters of promise for 1910.

The Woman's Club of Cincinnati arranged a luncheon at the Sinton Hotel, October 17, when plans were discussed for organization and fulfilment.

To my beloved native State of Illinois I could give only one day on account of the serious press of correspondence awaiting my return from the strenuous weeks.

I am glad, in referring to my native State, to take this opportunity of correcting a statement in one of the club papers referring to the native State of the Vice-Presidents as Illinois. One was born in Indiana, and is living in the far West; the other was born in New York, and is now living in Illinois.

It has been everywhere a distinct gratification to listen to the reports of the Boston Biennial. Sincere appreciation of the efforts of the working force of the entire State of Massachusetts, and especially of the hundreds of local members, has been voiced publicly and privately, always ending with the words: "What a good time we had!"

The Boston *Herald* has announced the passing of the *Comic Supplement*, stating that it has ceased to fulfil the purpose of attraction. Will the *Herald* accept the approval of this course from the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the hope that progress will be steadily forward? Next in order will be Mrs. Decker's suggestion to so segregate articles of crime that, like the sporting page and the

financial page, they may be read by those alone who find them an "attraction."

At date of writing, November 6, the union of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Federations has been consummated without a dissenting vote. The interest has been very great, the feeling tense, but the spirit of union worthy of the progressive State of Oklahoma.

EVA PERRY MOORE, President.

TO THE COMMITTEES on Education in the State Federations:

With a deep recognition of the honor and privilege bestowed upon me in the appointment as Chairman of the Education Committee of the General Federation, I now place myself at your service for any help within my power to render during the coming two years.

Since several States have already reported the purpose to make a special study of moral or industrial education during the year, the desirability of direct contact with those interests in their largest expression is apparent.

There is a large national association for the furtherance of each of these interests. The National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, Dr. James P. Haney, Secretary, has headquarters at 546 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The meetings in New York and Chicago were inspiring and enthusiastic. By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* is in your hands the third annual meeting will have been held in Atlanta.

The National Association for Religious Education, Thomas F. Cope, Secretary, has its office at 153 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois. The annual meetings are usually held in February, in near proximity to the superintendents' meeting of the National Educational Association.

Each of these societies has extensive literature in the line of thought which you are emphasizing this year, and I would heartily recommend that some one active member of each committee join the society representing its interest. This would bring the latest and most vital thought directly to your own membership.

With cordial wishes for a truly inspiring winter of work, and for the satisfaction that comes from good work, I am

Very sincerely yours,

LAURA D. GILL.

ON OCTOBER 5 there assembled about four hundred persons to celebrate Woman's Club Day at the greatest scientific conference that has ever been held in this country. No other series of meetings will have such a wide-spread influence upon the public health as will these of the International Congress on Tuberculosis.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, who spoke of the broad interests of the General Federation, the high ideals governing it, and the desire of each officer that by a union of effort the greatest possible good shall come to our country.

Acknowledging the compliment paid the Health Department of the General Federation by the invitation to hold this "Woman's Club Day," she introduced the Chairman of the Health Department, who gave a history of the work of the department from its inception.

This address was followed by those of Dr. F. M. Pottinger, of California; Dr. J. W. Foss, Arizona, and Dr. W. C. Woodward, of the District of Columbia.

Immediately following the exercises Mr. Rontzahn conducted the party through the exhibit. In the afternoon he gave the club women a special illustrated lecture, showing them such slides as he considers of practical value. Every possible effort was made for the success of the meeting by the officers in charge of the congress, and in the records of the Health Department it will be a red-letter day. May we hope that the eight hundred thousand women making up the membership of this Federation will realize the privilege it is to unite with the scientific associations in this great work for the upbuilding of a more healthful nation, and will individually assume some part of the plan to be pursued.

(MRS.) RUFUS P. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

THE NEW STATE FEDERATION of Oklahoma has for its President Mrs. John Threadgrel, of Oklahoma, who was elected by a large majority at the joint meeting of the two old Territorial Federations.

CHAIRMAN OF FORESTRY COMMITTEE G. F. W. C. is Mrs. F. W. Gerard, South Norwalk, Conn.

A MEETING of the Health Department of the General Federation was one of the features of the International Congress on Tuberculosis. On October 1, 1908, the first meeting was held and was presided over by the Chairman, Mrs. Rufus P. Williams. She reviewed the work of the State Chairman during the year and thanked the members present for the earnest way in which they had accomplished their work. She then presented a plan by which every person in every community could unite with the Health Department of the General Federation through the *Federal Government's* appropriation for educational publications and exhibits for the suppression of tuberculosis; through the *State* by means of State sanatoria, State laws requiring inspection of animals, by registration of cases of tuberculosis, and necessary disinfection of public places generally, by publishing State laws regulating health conditions, and by State tuberculosis exhibits; through the *municipality* by means of ordinances against expectoration, by sanitary arrangements in public buildings, and by tuberculosis hospitals, camps and clinics; through *organization of citizens*, by knowledge, obedience, and enforcement of these laws, by financial assistance, and by circulating information in regard to prevention of tuberculosis.

Eighteen States responded to the roll call: Arizona, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Indian Territory, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Wisconsin. A short account of the work in each State present was given by a representative. After these reports Mr. Rontzahn, director of the exhibit of the National Association, addressed the meeting, stating that in many places women's clubs had been of material assistance to him, and urging the club women to make an effort to call together small groups of men and women to discuss ways and means of improving local health conditions, and to arouse public interest in the subject. He also stressed the great value of press work. After his address

the meeting became informal and was open for general discussion. Mrs. Stevens, the Secretary, has her report on file.

GEORGIA: The Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs held their twelfth annual convention at Valdosta, November 16, 17, 18, by invitation of the Wymodausis Club. There were sixty delegates present and twenty new clubs were admitted during the year. The special work of the Federation is along the lines of education, library extension and health. The Educational Committee has their work well systematized into various departments, each doing special work in its way. The Federation has assumed full responsibility for the erection and maintenance of the industrial school at Tallulah Falls, and has pledged \$2,000 towards its support. The various clubs gave \$800 during the past year and when a plea was made at the convention within ten minutes \$395 were pledged. The Georgia clubwomen are also interested in several other county industrial schools, are working actively for compulsory education, and are co-operating with Rural School Improvement Association. A strong plea was made for the study of Southern literature, for home missions, and for a close study of the relations now existing between the children of the South and the young negro educated since the war between the States. The special guest of honor was Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C., the Southern member on the board of directors of the General Federation, who spoke Wednesday night on the "*Aims, Purposes and Plans of the General Federation*," stressing the special plans of the Educational and Literature Committees. Mr. Charles C. McClaughey, deputy warden U. S. penitentiary, Atlanta, prepared a paper on "*The Modern Purpose in the Imprisonment of the Criminal*," which was read before the convention by one of the delegates.

"*The Making of Personality*," by Bliss Carman, is an extremely interesting and helpful book, which, while it does not exactly present a philosophy of life, teaches a triune ideal of normal well being and happiness based upon a definite conception of symmetrical life and growth. The author realizes that great effort has been put forth in the direction of mental and spiritual training, and in recent years of physical education, but his special effort is to co-ordinate the three into personal culture—the great art of appreciating, interpreting and educating personality. There are chapters on breathing, walking, poise, personal magnetism, voice, and many on personal, spiritual attributes. The author claims these teachings are all based upon the scientific work of Mary Perry King.

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THE SPECIAL FEATURES of the December *Delineator* are, *How I painted my greatest picture*, by W. M. Chase; *Back to the Bible*, by Mabel Potter Daggett; *The Delinctor child rescue campaign*; *Stradella* (serial), by Marion Crawford; *The white hand of Eleanor*, by Ann and Bannister Merwin; *Departments of New books from a woman's viewpoint*, by Mrs. Edwin Markham; needlework, fashion, etc.

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 (Up-to-date Notes.)

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was held in Cable Concert Hall, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 11th-14th. The hall was beautifully decorated with Confederate flags and colors, as was also the Piedmont Hotel, the headquarters for the Convention.

All the officers of the General Association were present except the first vice-president, who was detained at home by illness in her family, and five of the nine ex-president generals were present: Mesdames Brown of Tennessee; Raines and Rounsaville of Georgia. Smythe of South Carolina, and Henderson of Mississippi.

This was the second general convention of the U. D. C. held in Atlanta. The first convention held in Atlanta was in November, 1895—was the second convention held by the organization and twelve delegates were present. In the short space of thirteen years this small handful has grown until the arrangements providing for delegates on this occasion seated over four hundred delegates. Cable Concert Hall has a seating capacity of 650, and at the opening exercises there was not even standing room. Many notable men and women of Confederate record or lineage were present, adding a brilliancy to the stage setting which was inspiring. Mrs. Virginia Clay Clopton, "The Belle of the Fifties," was a welcome visitor to the sessions, while the gentle face of the widow of General Bartow (now Mrs. Seabrook), and the noble presence of General Clement Evans brought the younger generation of U. D. C.'s in personal touch with their great Confederate past. The opening invocation was made by Bishop Nelson, of Atlanta, after which followed addresses of welcome from Governor of Georgia Hoke Smith, Mayor of Atlanta W. R. Joyner, General Clement Evans, Commander-in-Chief U. C. V.'s; Mrs. Helen Plane, Honorary President Georgia Division, Miss Alice Baxter, President Georgia Division, and Mrs. Edward G. Warner, President Atlanta Chapter. These addresses were all cordial and warm with sympathy and appreciation of the work of the U. D. C., who were made to feel "at home in Georgia." Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, of Texas, President General, responded for the U. D. C., while vocal and orchestral music consisting of quartette singing of "My Old Kentucky Home," "Annie Laurie" and "Georgia's Song of Welcome," words by Zaidee Erwin Johnson, air "Bonnie Blue Flag," made the opening exercises aglow with a spirit of good will and Southern patriotism.

The "Children of the Confederacy" were also present with their greetings, bringing their emblem in flowers to present to the President General and promising their loyalty and aid to the U. D. C. in the years to come.

Mrs. Plane, in her address of welcome, presented a red, white and red banner with the U. D. C. emblem and motto on it to the association, and after General Evans' address

Mrs. Rosenberg, of Texas, presented the U. D. C. with a banner representing "The bonnie blue flag," in memory of the centennial of the birth of Jefferson Davis. These numerous banners, together with the State flags which were presented to the custodian of flags when the roll of states was called, made the assembly gay with color.

The Ritual of the U. D. C. was used in opening the convention, after which the regular reports were in order. The Credential committee, through Miss Benning, of Georgia, chairman, reported a voting strength present of 1,493, representing over thirty thousand women. Lack of proper preparation of credentials and non-payment of dues cut some States down in their representation. Georgia led with 162 votes; Tennessee second, with 155; Virginia, 135; Texas, 129; Mississippi, 117; Kentucky, 98; North Carolina, 93; Alabama, 91; South Carolina, 90; Arkansas, 60; Louisiana, 58; Florida, 47, etc. There were thirty-one States represented in this report, showing this to be the largest convention ever held by the U. D. C. There were eleven State Division presidents present, namely, those of Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The report of the recording secretary, Mrs. Dowdell, Alabama, showed that the full minutes of the Norfolk, Va., convention were issued on February 7th, 1908; that three thousand were printed and all U. D. C. officers and chapters were sent their copies; that fifty-five chapters bought extra copies; that 4,250 letters had been received; 3,180 letters written; that 2,510 certificates of membership had been issued and fifty-three new chapters had been chartered. The records of this office show that the U. D. C. have chartered 1,174 chapters in all.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Cooley, of Florida, reported having received 260 letters; written 401, and sent out 2,300 printed communications.

The treasurer, Mrs. L. Eustace Williams, Kentucky, reported: Total receipts, \$7,137; total expenses, \$4,831; balance on hand, \$2,306. The per capita dues from states showed the following paid by States: Virginia, \$514; Tennessee, \$436; Texas, \$419; Georgia, \$418; North Carolina, \$300; Mississippi, \$296; Kentucky, \$252; South Carolina, \$239; Alabama, \$209; Louisiana, \$154, etc.

The Custodian of the Cross of Honor, Mrs. L. H. Raines, Georgia, reported ordering this year 6,500 crosses; distributed 5,702; crosses on hand, 798; expenses of office, \$438. The records of the crosses from 1906 to the present time are complete, but the back data must still be put in shape by her office. She urged that plenty of room be left on the sheets for the alphabetical lists, which are always furnished by the state free, so there is no excuse for cramping lists. She also urged State recorders to send postoffice orders and not stamps in ordering crosses. The rules for the Crosses of Honor were so changed that bestowals of crosses on descendants could occur at the same time as bestowals on veterans, provided the three months' notice had been given. It was decided by this convention that the U. D. C. would bestow no more Crosses of Honor on either veterans or descendants after 1910. Chapters were advised to have

applications for crosses signed by ex-Confederates who personally knew the records, and they were notified that all complaints *must* be sent to State recorders, and not to the custodian, as she deals with the States through their recorders only.

The President's report was in printed form and was distributed to the delegates while she read it. It covered the following points: The Arlington Monument; an account of the presentation of the Mrs. Jefferson Davis Memorial Window to the Church of the Redeemer at Biloxi, Miss.; the union of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory Divisions into one State Division; the presentation of the Jefferson Davis Monument to the city of Richmond, Va.; the question of properly celebrating the centennial of Jefferson Davis' birth by the chapters, schools and communities; the patent for the crosses of honor to be purchased from Mr. Crankshaw, he refused to sell, but promised to make over the patent at his death to the U. D. C.; the patent of the badge could not be bought from Theus, of Savannah, but he promised if his son did not continue in the jewelry business to bequeath the patent to the U. D. C.; a strong plea for the Shiloh monument; no necessity for incorporation; the question of honorary membership in the U. D. C.; the Blue Ridge, Mont Eagle, Tenn., U. D. C. Day approved; *The Veteran* and *THE KEYSTONE* commended; advised less general appropriations because of expenses of running the association; advised uniformity in date of election of chapter officers; pressed the matter of putting Confederate heroes' pictures in schools; disapproved of women in Confederate grey uniforms; paid a tribute to Mrs. Weed, Mrs. Stringer, of Florida, Mrs. Braxton Bragg, General S. D. Lee and General A. P. Stewart, all recently departed this life; reported a new State Division organized in the state of Washington; had written 2,000 letters and an article on Mrs. Jefferson Davis for the "Library of Southern Literature;" had delivered three public addresses and visited the annual conventions of the divisions in Texas and Virginia. In the decisions made by the president general during the year she ruled that men as well as women were eligible to membership on the Executive Committee of the Arlington Monument Association; that State division officers must reside and register in those States where they hold office; that the general constitution of the U. D. C. does *not* provide for the admission to membership of *great nieces*; that great nieces already admitted by mistake are *bona fide* members because no retroactive legislation is possible, and that it is not the object of U. D. C. chapters to take active part in political contests. The Jurisprudence Committee, consisting of Mesdames Henderson, Mississippi; Rapley, Missouri; Sterns, California; and Parker, New York, reported approval of all the Presidents' decisions.

The History Committee, through Mrs. Roy W. McKinney, Kentucky, its Chairman, reported that it had worked on four definite points: 1st, a History of the U. D. C., as an organization, prepared by Mrs. Jno. P. Hickman, Tennessee, and Mrs. S. H. Watson, Texas, which will be printed in the Atlanta minutes; 2nd, a History of Confederate Bazaars is being prepared by Mrs. Enders Robinson, Va., and Mrs. Jas. B. Gantt, Missouri; 3rd, a Roster of Confederate Congressmen is being prepared by

the committee; 4th, the committee had discovered that the recently issued and much advertised "Patriotic Orations," edited by Wm. Jennings Bryan, had published Mr. Davis' "Farewell to the Senate," in an abridged and mutilated manner, with marked omissions. The chairman immediately corresponded with Mr. Bryan on the subject, and after much delay was finally referred to another person as the editor responsible for this matter, who finally promised that the "error would be corrected in the next edition," *if there ever is one*. In the meantime the U. D. C. have their attention called to this matter.

In connection with the matter of historical material, Mrs. Hickman, Tennessee, presented to the U. D. C., in manuscript form, the minutes in full of the first two conventions of the U. D. C., which material had never been printed. It was decided to print these early minutes together with the first constitution and by-laws, in the possession of Mrs. Raines, Georgia, and to issue them as a separate pamphlet, which might be had for a nominal sum from the Recording Secretary. The prize of \$100 at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, was awarded this year to Miss Christine Boyson, of Minnesota; her subject being "Robt. E. Lee, a Present Estimate," and the essay will appear in full in the December *Veteran*.

The U. D. C. scholarship at Teachers' College, Columbia University, consisting of \$350 and free tuition, was awarded to Miss Amida Moses, Sumter, S. C., who will probably take her degree this year; next year this scholarship will go to Mississippi, as it is awarded to the States in order of their secession. Mrs. Livingston Schuyler, New York, who is in charge of these scholarships, was allowed five minutes to receive pledges for this scholarship, and received \$200 in pledges.

The Stationery Committee advised that the U. D. C. emblem used on State stationery be an exact replica of that used on the general U. D. C. stationery. Miss Deca West, of Texas, reported that the memorial window to Mrs. Davis at Biloxi, Mississippi, was in place exactly in accordance with last year's presentation of the plans, and that the expenses had been \$630. The Committee on History and Archives was discharged, as their work for State departments of archives needed to be pushed no longer. The Committee on the President's recommendations: Mrs. White, Tenn.; Mrs. Marburg, Pa.; Mrs. Duke, Ky., reported favorably on the recommendation to make Dean Russell, of Teachers' College, an honorary member of the U. D. C., which was done, and they advised that all chapters hold their election in October. The Davis Memorial Committee, represented at this meeting by Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Blenner, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. J. Y. Leigh, Va.; Mrs. Smythe, S. C.; Mrs. Behan, La.; Mrs. Cooley, Fla.; Mrs. Rounsaville, Ga.; Mrs. Rosenberg, Texas, reported their work completed and were called to the stage by the President General, complimented on their faithful work for ten years, and dismissed.

The great questions at this Convention finally reduced themselves down to the following three points: the Shiloh and Arlington monuments, and the revision of the constitution.

The report for Shiloh was made by Mrs. A. B. White,

Tennessee, and showed much enthusiasm in this work. \$4,300 have already been collected. Tennessee leads with over \$700; 2nd, Missouri, \$585; 3rd, South Carolina, \$285, etc. Pledges were made at this Convention for \$640 and, with other pledges taken later, this monument now has over \$5,000 in sight. The President General in future will be ex-officio Chairman of the Shiloh Committee, as she is of the Arlington Committee, and these two great monuments represent the co-operative work of the U. D. C. at present.

The Arlington Monument Committee report was made by Mrs. Marion Butler, D. C., Vice-Chairman, in the absence of Hon. Hilary Herbert, the Chairman, who was ill. Up to date \$8,143 have been contributed to this monument: D. C. 1st, with \$2,011; Virginia 2nd, \$472; North Carolina 3rd, \$300; Tennessee, \$210; South Carolina, \$172; Mississippi, \$152; Florida, \$112, etc. This committee has sent out four thousand appeals to camps of veterans, individuals, etc., and was allowed five minutes at this convention to receive pledges; receiving \$906 in these pledges.

The revision of the constitution was in the hands of a committee, who did faithful work in preparing a printed revision, which was in the hands of all delegates; the report was made by Mrs. A. B. White, Tennessee, and Mrs. Alexander, Virginia. The question of changing the eligibility clause caused a great deal of discussion, and a roll call of States was necessary for the voting. The committee recommended to leave the eligibility as it was; only making it clear that nieces of the *first* degree *only* of veterans were eligible to membership in the U. D. C. Mrs. Rosenberg, Texas, offered an amendment to this making eligible, not only the descendants of nieces of *veterans*, but also descendants of nieces of women who gave aid, etc. This was a broader eligibility than any yet planned for, and opened the society at once as a collateral society and not one based on Confederate *lineal* descent. By a vote of 1001-462 this amendment carried, and now the U. D. C. is a society based on collateral lines of Confederate descent, and Southern sympathizers, everywhere, may very easily trace a line for admission. The admission of veterans' wives of Northern parentage was discussed and carried in favor of their admission; the time of meeting was changed to the third Tuesday in October; chairmen of standing committees were given votes in their persons in the U. D. C. conventions; the officers of Registrar and Historian General and a third Vice-President were created; the date of payment of dues was changed to March 1st of each year; the committees were grouped and arranged into standing and convention committees; the following standing committees were named in the constitution: 1, Rules for Crosses; 2, History; 3, Educational; 4, Prize at Teachers' College, Columbia University; 5, Stationery; 6, Emblems, Mottoes and Historical Souvenirs; the Convention committees were Finance, Jurisprudence, Transportation, Credentials. The Historian General will communicate only with chapters through State Historians; the Registrar General will communicate with chapters only through State Registrars, except, of course, in those States where no division exists, when the chapters will have to correspond direct with the Historian and Registrar General. The questions of honor-

ary associate members and federating with other associations were much discussed, but remained as the revision committee presented them. All together the revision was carefully gone over and the delegates got what they voted for; it is seldom that so minute and detailed a vote is ever taken on a constitution, which covered 15 octavo printed pages.

The memorial exercises for deceased members consisted of tributes to the memory of Mrs. Edward G. Weed and Mrs. Sheldon Stringer, Florida; Mrs. Braxton Bragg; General S. D. Lee and Genl. Alexander P. Stewart, followed by one minute's silence, standing, in memory of all Confederates who had passed to the great beyond in the past year. There was also a prayer by Dr. A. R. Holderburg and the hymn "How firm a foundation" by the Convention. Every morning session of the Convention was opened by prayer by some local clergyman, and the U. D. C. thus started each day's business by recognizing publicly their Christian obligation.

The reports of State divisions showed the enormous work being accomplished by the fifty-five thousand U. D. C.'s scattered over the United States: *Alabama* reported six new chapters, will finish their State window at Blanford church this year, and are interested in a State scholarship and children's auxiliaries; *Arkansas* has one scholarship, is working on four monuments, a window in the Confederate museum in Richmond, is putting Confederate pictures in schools and having them named for Confederate heroes; *District of Columbia* stressed Memorial Day at Arlington, and work for the monument there; *Florida* had in its delegation the first Sister of Charity delegate, Sister Esther Carlotta, whose gentle voice and thoughtful suggestions were most welcome in the work; *Georgia* reported five hundred new members, a U. D. C. Travelling Library, an historical essay contest for the State, and the Savannah chapter alone supports three free scholarships; *Kentucky* reported two new chapters, work progressing on their Morgan monument, a bazaar for this purpose in December, in Louisville, and contributions from *everywhere* will be gratefully received; they are also interested in scholarships and the care of Confederate widows; *Louisiana* had ten delegates present, reported two new chapters, \$4,000 raised for the Beauregard monument and continued interest in their Soldiers' Home; *Minnesota* reported one chapter, in Minneapolis, the newest U. D. C., No. 1131; *Maryland*: two new chapters; a portrait of James R. Randall in Annapolis; raised \$600 for Mrs. Randall; issued book of Randall's poems, the proceeds to go to Mrs. Randall, and are conducting religious exercises systematically at their Soldiers' Home; *Mexico City* reported \$20 in gold to Arlington, and contributed to the Columbia College U. D. C. scholarship; *Mississippi*: Twelve new chapters, seven scholarships, working for a chapel at the Beauvoir Soldiers' Home, and three monuments, 188 certificates of membership signed by State President; *Missouri* reported collecting personal reminiscences for publication, markers for graves, school prizes, scholarships, and \$11,000 collected for their St. Louis monument; *New York* reported, will supply any deficit in

the Teachers' College scholarship; Mrs. W. W. Childs, of this delegation, recited "Mandy and Old Miss," and is the author of collection known as "The Naming of the Twins;" *North Carolina* reported five new chapters, 27 children's auxiliaries, educates two girls in their State College and erecting a monument to the Chapel Hill student volunteers; *Pennsylvania* reported \$250 for Rabun Gap, Ga., school, assistance to flood sufferers in South, and charity work to Southerners in their midst; *South Carolina* reported one new chapter, three monuments being worked for, one scholarship in State normal for girls, one portrait in State Capital, "*Vol. II. S. C. Women in the Confederacy*" collected and issued in print this year, Literary-Historical session at State Convention, working for S. C. window in Blandford church; *Tennessee* reported two scholarships, two monuments worked for, a Randall memorial, working for window in Blandford church, Confederate Arbor Day at Soldiers' Home, Mont Eagle U. D. C. Day; *Texas* reported a scholarship and Miss West gave a most eloquent and unique invitation for the next convention to be held in Houston, Texas; Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Tench, of Florida, invited the 1909 convention to Jacksonville, and by a vote of 763 to 745 the 1909 convention went to Houston, Texas; *Virginia* reported 591 new members and six new chapters, "*Beauvoir*" at the Jamestown Exposition sold and all debts paid, 2 monuments and two tablets unveiled, 118 monuments in all in Virginia, exacts U. D. C. registration from chapters, 1171 crosses given, \$1,950 total contributed by the chapters this year. In Virginia, by legislative enactment, it is a misdemeanor for any one but a veteran to wear a cross of honor.

There were absolutely no politics at this convention and all elections were unanimous, and were as follows:

President, Mrs. Cornelia B. Stone, Texas; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Martin Williard, N. C.; 2d Vice-President, Mrs. John E. Poe, Md.; 3d Vice-President, Mrs. L. C. Hall, Ark.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Ala.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. C. Cooley, Fla.; Treasurer, Mrs. L. Eustace Williams, Ky.; Registrar, Mrs. Jas. B. Gantt, Mo.; Historian, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Va.; Custodian of Cross, Mrs. L. H. Raines, Ga.; Custodian of Flags, Mrs. F. A. Walke, Va.

In the case of Honorary Presidents, Mrs. Helen Plane, Georgia, was unanimously elected as one. There being a limited number of vacancies on the list, the following were nominated to fill these vacancies to be selected by the Executive Committee: Mrs. Jefferson Davis Hayes, Miss Hampton and Mrs. Jno. B. Richardson. There were many interesting incidents occurring in this very busy convention. Mrs. Stone spoke of her private interview with President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Luke Wright in regard to replacing Jefferson Davis' name on Cabin John Bridge; Mrs. Gabbett loaned a chair for the use of Mrs. Stone, which had been owned by Jefferson Davis; by motion of Miss West, Texas, in future, honorary presidents of the U. D. C. shall be limited only to widows or wives, mothers, sisters, or daughters of a distinguished Confederate, or to women who have rendered special service to the U. D. C.

THE SOCIAL features were especially elaborate, each day the Atlanta chapter entertained at luncheon, at the Piedmont Hotel, the entire convention; the first day 450 were seated in the dining room; the second, 385. Each day a special

table with appropriate Confederate decorations was set for U. D. C. officers, and every delegate received some dainty souvenir; one, a pamphlet, "My old Confederate," bound in grey with Confederate battle flags, was an address by Dr. Jno. E. White to the Atlanta chapter, and was illustrated; a second was a poem by Frank Stanton, written especially for the U. D. C. A barbecue, at the Cold Springs 'cue grounds, on Wednesday afternoon, was given by the City Council, in honor of the U. D. C.—the mayor as host—and the beautiful afternoon under the trees with the wonderful barbecued meats, and the perfect Brunswick stew, was a unique experience for many of the visitors; while the visit to the Soldiers' Home (a credit to Georgia), with the exercises in the chapel, there, the old men singing with fervor, "I'm a good old time Confederate," was a touch with the veterans, most pathetic and appealing. A reception at Mrs. Bolling Jones, President of the Atlanta Woman's Club; a tea, in honor of the convention, by Mrs. S. W. Foster, Regent of the Atlanta chapter, D. A. R., and a brilliant evening reception at the Capital City Club, by the Atlanta chapter, U. D. C., where seven hundred guests were present, were social functions which gave opportunity for friendly converse and an exchange of those social amenities for which Southern women are proverbial. The Atlanta chapter may feel that nothing was left unprovided for by them, that their hospitality was ideal in its unselfish generosity. The Atlanta Convention was marked by businesslike methods, harmonious converse and earnest purpose.

Mrs. Stone proved herself a capable parliamentarian, a wise, firm leader, and a gracious and courteous gentlewoman; the officers all had the confidence of the floor, and at times their earnest, purposeful, high-bred faces were grouped in pictures never to be forgotten, while the floor represented women of dignity and intelligence, who understood the questions involved, took part in the discussions in an orderly and earnest manner, looked well to the preservation of the dignity and good name of their States, and were ever mindful of the laws of courtesy as well as parliamentary procedure.

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HISTORICAL PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER:—I. Study methods of defense for Southern harbors; specialize on the capture of one of the following: Richmond, Fort Fisher, Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Mobile, New Orleans.

II. Note the strength of Confederate Navy; give an account of the brilliant careers of the cruisers Sumter and Alabama under Admiral Semmes.

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MRS. FINGER'S admirable report of the Twelfth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Division, U. D. C., in Goldsboro, October 14th-17th, leaves nothing to be desired in its faithful and interesting account of that delightful occasion. The fact that several fairs were going on during the same week, including the State Fair in Raleigh, and an anniversary celebration in Greensborough, prevented as large an attendance as usual. Among others, our zealous member and late 1st Vice-President of the North Carolina Division, Mrs. R. F. Dalton, of Greensborough, was detained by the dangerous, and at first considered to be fatal, accident to her son, a noble youth, just entering manhood. We rejoice with her that the danger has been averted, and that he is now reported as on a fair way to recovery.

THE DISCUSSION over the Memorial Arch, in the unavoidable absence of the able, energetic Chairman of that Committee, Mrs. E. E. Moffitt, of Raleigh, was less comprehensive than was to be desired, probably owing to a misunderstanding as to the details of the work. The first idea which was offered to the State Convention, four years ago at Asheville, was to have each chapter contribute a stone, or cost of same, estimated to be \$20, but on consultation with experts in such work it was found to be impracticable, as uniformity in the material is essential in such a structure, as well for durability as on account of appearance. Again, in regard to the proposition to engrave the name of each chapter on the stone presented by it, the opinion of sculptors consulted is that cutting on stone would involve more expense, and that a bronze tablet, bearing the names of chapters, etc., would answer the purpose of a unique and appropriate memorial to our heroes who sleep in Oakwood Cemetery—not only those from our own State, but to those from twelve other States, who rest there. I think there would be more hearty concurrence in the plans for the proposed memorial if the facts were more clearly understood. So hope you will give space to this explanation. The Johnston Pettigrew chapter has received recently, through our secretary, Mrs. James A. Briggs, a communication from Mr. E. O. Dorman, of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of American History*, suggesting co-operation of the U. D. C. with that publication in the object of securing "justice for the South in American historical records," etc. The letter being read at the last meeting of the chapter, a committee was appointed by the presiding officer to look into the subject and by correspondence with Mr. Dorman find out just what his suggestion implies, and what

it is proposed for the chapters U. D. C. to do in order to promote this co-operation. The children's organizations throughout our division show increasing interest and zeal in the work of their chapters, and several auxiliaries have been added since last year's convention. Many of the leaders are writing for suggestions as to the best method of starting and carrying on the work, and interesting the young people in it.

Again I would remind the North Carolina chapters that, unless they remember to send me items for the monthly report to THE KEYSTONE, they cannot be reported. Will not each chapter try to make THE KEYSTONE our organ in fact as well as in name? Subscriptions may be sent to Mrs. Wills, unless it is preferred to send direct to THE KEYSTONE.

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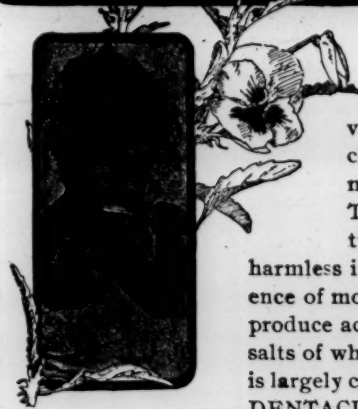
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